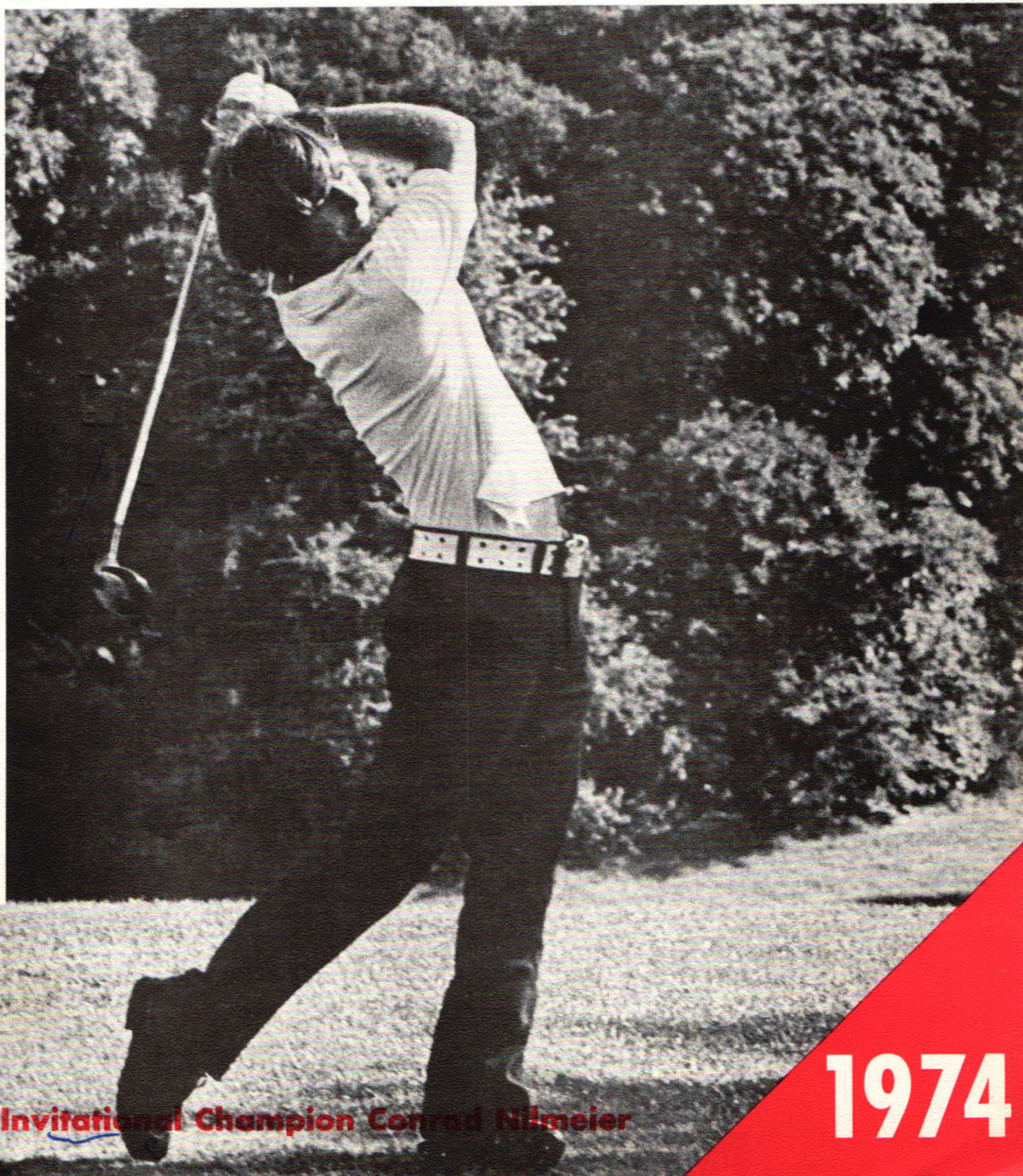


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U.S. Invitational Champion Conrad Nilmeier

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Coach: Bud Finger (26th Year)

Bud Finger, who succeeded Eddie Twiggs in 1948, is now in his 26th year as Golf Coach at Stanford. A 1941 Stanford graduate, Finger played featured roles in the Cardinals NCAA Championship Golf Teams of 1939 and 1941. He once shot a 64 over the Stanford course, taking a 2-stroke penalty along the way. He has held a number of course records over the years, including a 61 at Lincoln Park in San Francisco, a 65 at the Presidio Golf Club, and a 64 at Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae.

In his 25 years of coaching on The Farm, he has had 11 Conference Championship teams and 7 runner-up squads. Under his guidance, Stanford has never finished worse than 4th in either the old Pacific Coast Conference or the present Pacific-8.

His outstanding players over the years have included Tom Watson, Warren Dailey, Fred Brown, Dick McElyea, Grant Spaeth, Kent Winton, Bill Seanor, Chuck Van Linge, Steve Smith, and 49er quarterback John Brodie. Conrad Nilmeier, Aly Trompas, Dave Baskins and George Pettinger, a quartet of talented juniors, will bid for the credentials to be included in this illustrious group, each with two seasons of competition remaining.

Bud and Bobby Finger have four children and reside in Los Altos Hills. Their oldest daughter, Paula, is a Stanford graduate.

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1974 EARLY SEASON RESULTS:

January 25	University of California	Franklin Canyon Golf & CC
February 1	18 Hole Golf Tournament California Cal State-Hayward San Jose State Santa Clara San Francisco State	Stanford
February 8	San Jose State	San Jose Golf & CC
February 15	University of California	Stanford
February 16	Alumni	Stanford

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1974 REMAINING SCHEDULE:

Feb. 22-24	San Francisco City Golf Championships (Qualifying)	San Francisco	All Day
February 26	University of San Francisco	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
March 1	Hayward Invitational Golf Tournament	Silverado Golf & CC	All Day
March 2-3	San Francisco City Golf Championship	San Francisco	All Day
March 8	University of San Francisco	Olympic Club	12:30 P.M.
March 9	Stanford Golf Club	Stanford	10:00 A.M.
March 23-24	72 Hole Medal Play	Half Moon Bay	All Day
March 28-29	Pacific Coast Intercollegiate	San Piper Golf Course Goleta, California	All Day
April 5-6	Fresno Classic	Ft. Wash. Golf Course	All Day
April 10-12	Western Intercollegiates	Pasatiempo	All Day
April 20	San Jose State	Stanford	12:00 Noon
April 25-27	U.S. Collegiate Invitational	Stanford	All Day
May 6-7	Pacific-8 So. Div. Championship	Hillcrest Golf & CC	All Day
May 17	Pacific-8 Championship	Stanford	All Day
May 20-21	U.S. Open (Qualifying)	Silverado Golf Course	All Day
May 25	San Francisco Golf & Country Club	San Francisco	10:00 A.M.
May 28	Pebble Beach All Stars (tentative)	Pebble Beach	1:45 P.M.
June 17, 18, 19,20,21,22	NCAA Golf Championship	Carlton Oaks Golf Course San Diego,	All Day

1973 IN REVIEW:

In spite of a brilliant finish which brought them to 2nd place in the Pacific-8 Championships, the Stanford Golf Team will not look back on 1973 as one of the more memorable years. After finishing one shot behind San Jose State in the home course 18-hole 7-Team Tournament (SJS 285-Stanford 286) to open the campaign, only Dave Baskins survived the first round of the San Francisco City Tournament.... and, he was eliminated in his second match!

The Cards came back to tie San Jose State at 590 apiece in the Cal State-Hayward Tournament and then commenced to run up a 3-2 dual match record. The two losses were both to the Spartans of San Jose State, as the Cards couldn't find the right combination to upset their neighborhood adversaries. With Dave Baskins leading the way, Stanford finished 2nd in the Pac-8 Southern Division Championships on their home course behind USC, with UCLA and California in the 3rd and 4th positions. Baskins actually shared the runnerup position with Trojan Don Baker, both players with three round totals of 216, four shots off the winning pace of USC's Craig Stadler, the young man who would later win the 1973 U.S. National Amateur Championship.

The Cards made an incredible charge in the last round of the Pacific-8 Tournament at the Clarkston Golf Course in Washington, but it was not enough to avert another "bridesmaid" finish. Despite closing scores of 64 and 65 by Dave Baskins and Conrad Nilmeier, respectively, Stanford, once again, finished 2nd behind USC, who captured their third straight Pac-8 Championship.

At the NCAA Championship in Stillwater, Oklahoma, the Cards finished in a tie for 27th with the University of Pennsylvania, failing to qualify as a team for the final two rounds of play. Baskins led the Cards with a 4-round total of 8-over par, 296, but that was well off of the winning pace of 282, set by Texas' Ben Crenshaw, who captured his third consecutive NCAA title before turning professional.

The highlight of the Stanford season was a team victory in the U.S. Collegiate Invitational, played over the Stanford Course April 26-28, along with the individual title won by Conrad Nilmeier in a playoff with San Jose State's Phil Barry. Nilmeier and Barry deadlocked with 7-over par 220 totals for the three rounds, but three straight pars by Conrad were good enough for the victory, as Barry missed a six foot par putt on the third playoff hole.

1974 TEAM OUTLOOK:

The promise of 1974 shines brightly for a Stanford team which is still youthful, but solid in experience. The rankings in mid-February listed Aly Trompas, Dave Baskins, Conrad Nilmeier and George Pettinger in that order, all junior class-

mates and all deeply talented. Trompas, a former National Junior Champion, seems more settled now than in each of the past two seasons and has registered a superb 71.8 scoring average in the early outings. Baskins and Nilmeier have always played on almost even terms, but both now seem to be playing with much more consistency than ever before. Baskins is an extremely sharp iron player, and Nilmeier can hit for distance with the best of them. George Pettinger, an "up and down" performer for the past two years, seems to have blossomed into a new level of consistency as a junior. Possessing great distance off the tee, Pettinger has fashioned a 73.4 scoring average in early matches, and promises to make big contributions in the '74 campaign. While Trompas passed up the San Francisco City Championship qualifying, Baskins, Nilmeier and Pettinger all qualified easily and will enter match play competition on the weekend of March 2-3.

It is when he gets below the 4th position that Coach Bud Finger has some difficult choices to make. A combination of two freshmen, a J.C. transfer and some returning veterans offers promise for the #5 and #6 positions, but no two players have jumped out of the pack to nail those spots down. Frosh Brent Murray and Glenn Goethals have played just well enough to make it into the "Top 6", but neither has had that big "break-through" performance that the coach is looking for. Tom Mason, a transfer from Menlo College is another possibility, but he might be a year or two away. Veterans Bob Chapman, Steve Oliverio and Bob Harrington are also in challenging positions, and, when the pressure of important matches starts to build, their experience could be a deciding factor in just who tees it up.

In summary, this 1974 team appears solid through the first 4 positions, with any one of those players---Trompas, Baskins, Nilmeier or Pettinger---a threat to win any event he enters. Beyond that, Coach Bud Finger is watching for any two other players to separate themselves from the pack and make positive contributions to the team effort. With two impressive victories in the early season over San Jose State, a team which tied for 4th in the NCAA Championships a year ago, Stanford shows the early signs of challenging for Pacific-8 supremacy and improving considerably on the showing of a year ago in the NCAA Championships.

#### THE STANFORD GOLF COURSE:

The Stanford Golf Course, long considered to be one of the outstanding layouts in the United States, measures over 6,800 yards from the championship tees and plays to a par of 71. It has twice served as the site of the NCAA Golf Championships, in 1948 when the title was won by Bobby Harris of San Jose State, and again in 1967 when Bob Murphy from the University of Florida was the titleholder.

## A LOOK DOWN THE LADDER: (Listed in order of early spring ladder rankings)

1. TROMPAS, Aly            5-9    160    San Diego    Junior    Communications  
 The USGA National Junior Champion in 1969....Low amateur in the Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open in 1972....Runnerup in the World Junior Tournament in 1968 and '69...Suffered a "slump" as a freshman at Stanford, but came back to play well in '73...Compiled a 74.6 scoring average last year, while stroking his way to 2nd place finishes in the Pacific Coast Invitational at Santa Barbara and at the Cal State-Hayward Tournament...Tied for 6th in the Pac-8 Southern Division Championships and tied for 9th in the Pacific-8 finals...A long hitter who also possesses good touch around the greens....Has the potential to achieve the game's highest honors...Has averaged a brilliant 71.8 strokes per round in early '74 matches, and now shows promise of regaining national prominence...Suffered a little knee trouble last winter, but surgery was not deemed necessary...Expects absolute perfection on every shot, and sometimes has trouble controlling his disappointment when it doesn't work out that way...Needs only a little mental control to reach the "super" category.
  
2. BASKINS, Dave           5-11    185    Reno, Nevada    Junior    English  
 The Reno City Junior Champion in 1970...Reached the quarter finals of the San Francisco City Championship in '72...Tied for 6th in the Western Intercollegiates and also the U.S. Collegiate Invitational as a freshman in '72...A hard worker who is really devoted to the game of golf...A straight driver who has increased his distance off the tee considerably from '73...Has the reputation of Stanford's most accurate iron player...Improved his game around the greens significantly a year ago...Plays with great confidence and has the "knack" of scoring well even when he is not hitting the ball at his best...Averaged 74.1 strokes per round in '73...Fired a magnificent 6-under par 64 in the final round of the Pac-8 Tournament, as Stanford nearly caught the conference champion USC Trojans... That round brought him to a tie for 7th at 282...Was Stanford's steadiest performer a year ago, finishing in the top 10 in five major tournaments...Wound up 2nd behind USC's Craig Stadler in the Pac-8 Southern Division Championship...Also led the Cards in the NCAA's with 8-over par 296, 14 shots off the winning pace of Texan Ben Crenshaw...Defeated USC's Mark Pfiel in the 2nd round of the U.S. Amateur last summer...Baskins has a 73.2 scoring average in early '74 competition, and he has the potential to shoot under par any time out.

3. NILMEIER, Conrad 5-11 175 Fresno Junior Political Science  
The 3rd in a string of juniors who will key the Stanford effort this year...  
Runnerup in the 1972 Fresno Classic, his first intercollegiate competition and  
in his hometown, too....Fired a final round 68 for a 215 total in that tourney...  
Finished 3rd in the 1970 California State Junior....Reached the 3rd round of  
the '72 San Francisco City Tournament...Also a quarter finalist in the '71  
Northern California Amateur....Won the Fresno City Junior Championship in 1969...  
A strong, accurate driver and fine shotmaker who won the U.S. Collegiate  
Invitational title a year ago...Required three extra holes in a sudden death  
playoff to win that one from San Jose State's Phil Barry....Had rounds of 76-  
71-73 over the Stanford Course to deadlock with Barry....Carded a brilliant  
5-under par 65 in the final round of the Pac-8 Championship to tie teammate  
Baskins for 7th at 282....Works diligently on his game all the time and has  
improved his early 1974 scoring average to 73.8, from 75.2 of a year ago...  
Appears to have reached a new level of consistency with his game....Will be a  
point-winner for the Cards for the third straight year and must be considered  
for individual honors any time he tees it up.
4. PETTINGER, George 6-1 160 Red Bluff Junior Architecture  
After two years of hard work, this young fellow has emerged as a player of  
great promise...Won the Northern Athletic League Championship as a high school  
senior in 1969 and 1971....Reached the semi-finals of the 1970 Northern  
California Junior Championship....Can hit for distance with any of the best  
of them, but also has the touch to "finesse" the ball, too....Along with  
Baskins and Nilmeier, Pettinger qualified easily for the 1974 San Francisco  
City Championship....Tied for medalist honors in the Alumni match with 2-over  
par 73...Has a 73.4 scoring average in early season matches...Has the reputation  
of being a good putter...Was listed as #9 on the team a year ago at this time....  
Must already be ranked as the "most pleasant surprise" of this season...New  
confidence and steady play can only make him better.
5. MURRAY, Brent 6-0 175 Portland, Oregon Freshman Economics  
The medalist in the Portland City Championships last year and also co-champion  
of the Oregon High School Tournament....Runnerup in the California State Junior  
Championship in 1972 and Portland City Medal Play Champion in 1971...A young  
golfer with outstanding potential who needs only experience and maturity to be  
one of the best...Possesses an excellent short game...Had only ten putts in  
nine holes in a recent qualifying round to give some indication of excellent

## MURRAY, Brent (Cont.)

putting touch...Works hard on his game and should find a "break-through" for lower scores in the near future...Has averaged 76.8 in early matches...Might be a year away from top point-winning play, but Coach Bud Finger needs him now...Has an opportunity to make big contributions in the '74 campaign.

6. GOETHALS, Glenn      6-3      190      Cincinnati, Ohio      Freshman      Mathematics  
 Played in the U.S. Amateur last summer and advanced to the 2nd round....Finished 10th in the New Jersey Amateur and earned his way into the prestigious Porter Cup play....Won the Eastern Interscholastic Championship last year and also took the New Jersey Interscholastic title...Was runnerup in the New Jersey State Junior in '72 and has also been a participant in the U.S. Junior Championship... Has the same kind of opportunity as does Murray...Hits the ball well and needs only playing experience to develop the scoring knack...The switch from match to medal play usually requires an adjustment period for younger players like this...Glenn has had a little trouble with the fast Stanford greens, but hard work and competitive play should point toward improvement...Another very capable young player with big promise.
7. CHAPMAN, Bob      6-4      185      Farmington, Michigan      Junior      Economics  
 Won the Michigan State Amateur Championship last summer for his top achievement in golf...Also captured the 1970 Michigan High School title...Also won the Detroit Junior and the Michigan State Jaycee Championships before coming to Stanford...A natural all-around athlete who was also a fine high school basketball player...Has a sound swing and needs only consistency to crack the "Top 6" ...Played in some matches a year ago, but did not make it to either the Pac-8 or NCAA Championships...Should be able to use his experience to make it into the lineup, but must contend with Murray and Goethals along the way...Had trouble in early qualifying rounds, but seemed to be improving rapidly with the approach of the season.
8. MASON, Tom      5-10      165      Kailua, Hawaii      Sophomore      Earth Sciences  
 The Oahu Junior Champion of 1972...Also a participant in the World Junior Championships and a former runnerup in the mid-Atlantic Junior Championship... Transferred from Menlo J.C. this year...A good athlete who enjoys other sports, too, but will have to concentrate on golf to find a playing spot...Has plenty of talent, but lacks consistency...Should find it with more work...Has averaged 81.6 in early matches, but has much more ability than that would indicate...Could

MASON, Tom (Cont.)

fight his way into the "Top 6" with a little improvement, particularly if Murray, Goethals or Chapman falter.

9. OLIVERIO, Steve      5-10      185      Salinas      Senior      Political Science  
 Called "The Bull" by his teammates because of enormous distance off the tee... A tremendously long hitter who excels when the course is wet and the going is sloppy because he can "fly" the ball so far...But, his power causes problems when the ball can roll into trouble...Stayed away from golf for two years, but played some good rounds a year ago...Grew up playing some of the world's great courses on the Monterey Peninsula, and is capable of scoring in the low 70's... Just like a number of others, needs only consistency to be a team contributor.
10. HARRINGTON, Bob      6-2      155      Portland, Oregon      Senior      Political Science  
 Transferred from Claremont College a year ago where he played varsity golf as a freshman...After sitting out in '72, he played some last season..In fact, he led fall qualifying last year with a 4-round total of 294, showing that he has the ability...A steady player who is especially sharp around the greens...He hits the ball with great crispness, and seemed to be on the verge of shooting some low scores in January and February....This fellow might be the "sleeper" on the squad and just might advance rapidly up the ladder when the serious shooting starts.
11. McGOWAN, Mike      5-10      160      Colusa      Junior  
 A young man who captured many titles in the Sacramento Valley area and one who has much ability...Has a heavy class and work schedule which does not permit a lot of time for golf...Can score well on occasions, but consistency is lacking... It will be doubtful how many contributions Mike can make without more time on the course.
12. CONWAY, Bob      6-0      180      Los Angeles      Sophomore      Industrial Engineering  
 A semi-finalist in the 1971 Southern California Junior Championship...Played as the "Captain" on his 1972 Southern California High School Championship team... Not a powerful player, but he chips and putts with fine touch...The length of the Stanford Course causes him problems...Also has other interests which prevent a full-time effort on his game.

OTHER VARSITY CANDIDATES:

McBRIDE, Mark	5-9	150	Ridgewood, New Jersey	Sophomore	Undeclared
MITCHELL, Dick	6-2	165	Santa Ana	Sophomore	Undeclared
PHILLIPS, Tom	6-1	165	Yakima, Washington	Junior	Psychology

OTHER LEADING FRESHMAN:

HAUGH, Dave	6-0	175	San Diego
NORVILLE, John	5-9	145	Portland, Oregon
PASTORE, Peter	6-2	175	Auburn, New York
RIORDAN, Mike	5-10	160	Los Angeles
SHEPHERD, Mike	6-2	190	St. Louis, Mo.

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